



## Johnnie Herd Management Area

Clark and Nye Counties, Nevada

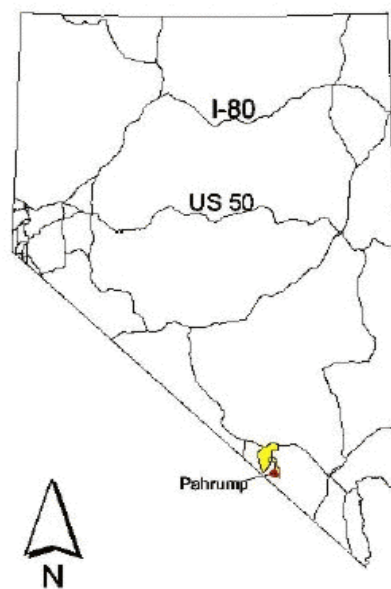
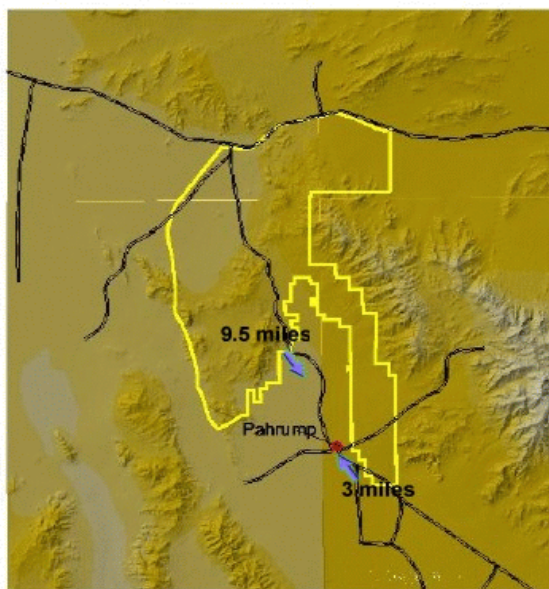


### Location/Habitat

The Johnnie Herd Management Area (HMA) is located in southern Nevada, approximately 60 miles northwest of Las Vegas in Clark and Nye counties. The Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, has administrative responsibility for wild horses and burros within this HMA. The area consists of a total of 212,570 acres, with 177,662 acres managed by the BLM and 34,908 acres managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

The area is characterized as Mojave desert surrounded by low, rocky desert mountains. During the hot months of the year, burros occupy areas characterized by ravines which supply shade. Wild horses tend to occupy the open country. During the cooler season, horses and burros roam all the HMA.

Permanent water sources consist of springs found in the mid-range elevations along the slopes of the Spring Mountains. The animals can travel up to ten miles and back each day for water during the drier part of the year. Burros drink at least once each day during the hotter part of the year, but can survive by drinking every second day during the winter and early spring.



**Vegetation**

Vegetation in the HMA is typical Mojave desert shrub, low growing and able to survive long periods of drought. The vegetation consists of salt-tolerant plants such as saltbush, greasewood and rabbitbrush, with grasses such as galleta grass and Indian ricegrass. The mountains contain pinyon-pine and juniper trees with an understory of sagebrush, other mountain shrubs and small amounts of grass.

**Herd Description**

The estimated Appropriate Management Level (AML) for this HMA is 50 wild horses and 50 burros.